

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

a storing device for storing a recorded message for a recipient of the recorded message, for playing back the recorded message to the recipient in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, for prompting the recipient to select an action to be performed for the recorded message after the recorded message has been played back and in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, and for receiving a selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message in response to the prompt;

a transcription device, in communication with the storing device, for transcribing [[a]] the recorded message into a computer file upon the storage device receiving the selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message; and

an archival device, in communication with the transcription device, for reading the computer file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message,

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the storing device is a voicemail message system.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the storing device is a telephone answering machine.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the storing device.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the archival device is an email.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the archival device is a printer.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the archival device is a facsimile machine.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

a voicemail message system for storing a recorded message for a recipient of the recorded message, for playing back the recorded message to the recipient in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, for prompting the recipient to select an action to be performed for the recorded message after the recorded message has been played back an in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, and for receiving a selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message in response to the prompt;

a transcription device operating a transcription software and in communication with the storing device, for transcribing [[a]] the recorded message into a computer file upon the storage device receiving the selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message; and

an archival device, in communication with the transcription device, for reading the computer file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message.

9.(Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the voicemail message system.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

a storing device for storing a recorded message for a recipient of the recorded message, for playing back the recorded message to the recipient in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, for prompting the recipient to select an action to be performed for the recorded message after the recorded message has been played back an in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, and for receiving a selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message to at least one of multiple different formats in response to the prompt;

a transcription device, in communication with the storing device, for transcribing a recorded message into a text file upon the storage device receiving the selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message;

a converting device for converting the text file to at least one of the different formats that are recognized by different recording devices based on the selection from the recipient; and

a plurality of archival devices, each archival device in communication with the converting device and capable of reading a recognized format of the text file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the storing device is a voicemail message system.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the storing device is a telephone answering machine.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the storing device.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the converting device is an integral part of the storing device.

15. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein one of the archival devices is an email.

16. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein one of the archival devices is a printer.

17. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein one of the archival devices is a facsimile machine.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

storing means for storing a recorded message for a recipient of the recorded message, for playing back the recorded message to the recipient in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, for prompting the recipient to select

an action to be performed for the recorded message after the recorded message has been played back in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, and for receiving a selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message in response to the prompt;

transcribing means, in communication with the storing means, for transcribing [a] the recorded message into a text file upon the storage device receiving the selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message; and

archival means, in communication with the transcribing means, for reading the text file and outputting or storing a transcribed version of the recorded message.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the storing means comprises a voicemail message system.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the storing means comprises a telephone answering machine.

21. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the transcribing means is an integral part of the storing means.

22. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the archival means comprises an email.

23. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the archival means comprises a printer.

24. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the archival means comprises a facsimile machine.

25. (Currently Amended) A portable message transcription system for transcribing a recorded message, the system comprising:

a storing device for storing a recorded message for a recipient of the recorded message, for playing back the recorded message to the recipient in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, for prompting the recipient to select

an action to be performed for the recorded message after the recorded message has been played back an in response to the recipient attempting access to the recorded message, and for receiving a selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message in response to the prompt;

a transcription device, in communication with the storing device, for transcribing [[a]] the recorded message upon the storage device receiving the selection from the recipient to transcribe the recorded message;

a converting device, in communication with the transcription device, for converting the transcribed message into a format that is readable by an archival device; and

a port, in communication with the converting device and an archival device, for allowing output of the converted transcribed message to the archival device for output or storage thereon.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the transcription device is an integral part of the storing device.

27. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the archival device is an email.

28. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the archival device is a printer.

29. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the archival device is a facsimile machine.

30. (Currently Amended) A method of transcribing a recorded message, the method comprising:

accessing, by a recipient, a storing device storing a recorded message for the recipient to thereby access the recorded message;

listening, by the recipient, to the recorded message;

in response to accessing and listening to the recorded message, responding, by the recipient, to a prompt for an action for the recorded message by indicating that the recorded message should be transcribed; and

designating, by the recipient, an archival device to be used to output or store the transcribed message.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the storing system comprises a voicemail message system.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the storing system comprises a telephone answering machine.

33. (Original) The method of 30, wherein the archival device is an email.

34. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the archival device comprises a printer.

35. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the archival device comprises a facsimile machine.

36. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the archival device comprises a plurality of archival devices of different types.

37. (Currently Amended) A method of transcribing a recorded message on a voicemail message system, the method comprising:

accessing, by a recipient of the recorded message, the voicemail system to thereby access the recorded message;

listening, by the recipient, to the recorded message;

in response to accessing and listening to the recorded message, responding, by the recipient, to a prompt for an action for the recorded message by indicating that the recorded message should be transcribed; and

designating a plurality of archival devices to be used to output or display the

transcribed message.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein one of the archival devices comprises an email.

39. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein one of the archival devices comprises a printer.

40. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein one of the archival devices comprises a Facsimile machine.

41. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein the archival devices are of different types.